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fique cada día mas.

circetainm im nHoy si que tengo que ser forzosamente muy breve, pues  
me marchos al santo ministerio dentro de diez minutos y quiero  
antes remitirte el permiso del M.R.P. Provincial, tan amable  
siempre conmigo, para que me mandéis la MAQUINA PORTABLE.

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Todavía, me dije el P. Provincial, nada saben oficialmente de  
la venida de los cuatro mejicanos.

La manera de traer la maquina de escribir es USADA, como si  
fuera de uso particular de ellos. Me escribes los dólares que haya  
valido.

Sobre las máquinas de cine, no creo que llegue a tiempo la auto-  
rización del M.R.P. Soterías. Conozco el paño. De todos modos, LAS  
DIFICULTADES SE HAN HECHO PARA VENCERLAS...

Una propuesta: Si quieres que te mande libros, me escribes y,  
si puedes mandas dinero con esos estudiantes. De lo contrario, ya me  
valdría de alguna manera para pagarlos. Tengo intención de mandarte  
algunos muy interesantes.

Te felicito y me felicito de que te hayan exonerado del cargo  
de Prefecto. Antes de que te relevaran, no te lo quería indiar; pero,



¡cuánto mejor para tu tranquilidad! Va te escribiré más largamente....

En cuanto a tu salud, salúdala a la familia que estas bien, aunque a mí no se me oculta que tu salud es nerviosa... tus preocupaciones... Todo por

R.P. Juan Luis de Escobedo, C.M. D. solid

Te escribiré larguísimo y te reñiré sermones, noticias y libros.

Ruego por mí para que me baya formando bien en mi ministerio evangélico y puedas en el mucho provecho a las almas. Me mandaste antes remitirte el permiso del R.P. Provincial, tu ejemplo. Recibe un fuerte abrazo de tu hermano que te idolatra y pide al Corazón de María que te llene de sus bendiciones.

*En la Paz y la Gracia*  
*de tu hermano*  
*Francisco J. Navarro*

Te envío una carta para que la leas y me des tus indicaciones. Te envío un libro de la vida de San Francisco de Asís, como al

verlo.

De todos modos, los libros de la vida de San Francisco de Asís, no corno me llegase a tiempo te envío

los producidos. Si quieres que te mande libros, me escribiras y al que me mandes dinero con esos estatutos. De lo contrario, ya me

de Prefecto. Antes de que te relevasen, no te lo querías injuriar. Pero,

Te felicito y me felicito de que te hayan exonerado del cargo

siempre muy interesantes.



SAINT PATRICK ACADEMY  
MOMENCE, ILLINOIS

J.M.J.

August 4, 1947.

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,  
Dominguez Seminary,  
Compton, California.

Rev. dear Father:

Under separate cover, I am mailing you the notes of our retreat for this year. You will be surprised, no doubt, to receive these before retreat. Our retreat master kindly gave me his notes while he was here in July and my sister, Mary, who came down to help me during the retreat, helped me to type them for you. She asked me to ask you to be kind enough to overlook typographical errors. We really worked under pressure to get them done as we did not have much time for them. Although I only followed a few of the conferences of the July retreat, I followed enough to realize that we had a very fine retreat master and that he had his sermons very carefully prepared. He gave a very fine and practical retreat. The Sisters enjoyed it very much.

We had our ceremony of installation for Mother Rose Mary in Beaverville yesterday. She seemed very much at home in her new office and all are happy that she is the one to be our new provincial. I met her and Mother St. Eugene in Chicago the day of their return. That afternoon I had a long visit with Mother Rose Mary. I had been trying to prepare myself for a change - it looked as though I would be sent to Beaverville as that is really the place for the provincial supervisor; to my surprise and pleasure, Mother told me that I was to remain in Momence. I am likewise to retain my position in the provincial council *as well as supervisor*.

I saw Sister Mary Mediatrix in Beaverville - she was so happy that she was actually radiant. She told me that perhaps you might be with her on the 15th; she earnestly hopes that it will be possible. It was a great joy to see her so radiantly happy yesterday after having seen her in such a sad state before.



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We all hope that it will be possible for you to come for the 15th. I am to accompany one of our Sisters to Dubuque, Ioway for the perpetual vows of her sister. Rev. Mother St.Emily suggested that I be Sister' scompanion as I have two cousins at Bubuque. Although it will be a pleasure to go, it is a sacrifice not to be in Beaverville for Sister's perpetual vows. Were I certain that you were to be there, I would prefer remaining. In any case, if you do come, I trust that I may have the privilege of seeing you.

There are many things I would like to speak about. Perhaps during the silence of retreat, I shall be able to write. I washappy to have Mother St.Eugene return and to give back to her the charge I have been given during her absence. She as well as Mother St. Emily and Mother Rose Mary were pleased with the reports they had received "of my stewardship." Frankly, Father, I seemed to have been sustained by very special graces during the entire time. As I told you, I simply marveled at the manner in which God took care of things for me. With it all, I enjoyed such a deep peace and joy of soul. The life of total abandonment and deep confidence was filled with joy and peace. It seemed that all God wished was that I turn to Him and confide all to Him. He took care of many difficulties which arose in such a striking manner that I found myself repeating constantly;"Thank you, dear Lord, thank you." I am grateful to you also for the advice you gave me- that of complete surrender to Him in all. I only hope that I may be able to continue to surrender all to Him in love, peace, confidence and joy - and that I may turn to Him in everything.

I hope that I may hear from you before or during retreat. I want this coming year to be a fitting preparation for my silver jubilee of the following year. Any suggestions that you see fit to give me will be deeply appreciated. I shall write again during or after retreat. Congratulations upon your new position. I am certain that you will do much good to the young men under your care. Rest assured of my constant prayers for you. Begging your blessing and your prayers, I remain

Gratefully in Him  
*Sister Mary Dolores*



ST. ALPHONSUS HOSPITAL

BOISE, IDAHO

Aug 5th. 1947

Our Lady of Snow

Pray for us

Rev. Aloysius Kellacuria, C.M.F.

My Dear Rev. Brother in Christ

a little note to wish You and Dear

little Sister M. Mediatrix a very happy feast day  
 August 15th. You and Sister will have ten Holy  
 Cross days. inclosed find offering for Holy Mass on  
 that day for Your own intention and Sister M. Mediatrix  
 when You write to her. give her my congratulations  
 on this her happy occasion, and on Your 26th ann.  
 and will be my 39th since I made my Profession  
 all thanks to Almighty God and His Holy Mother  
 for all those graces & Blessings all those Years  
 How fast time go by 14 Year ago I had my Silver Jubilee  
 in Fresno. <sup>the</sup> ~~fourteen~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~seventy~~ - I will be at our Mother home  
 at Saint Mary's Notre Dame, I am to leave here  
 as soon as I receive word from Mother General  
 which may be any day or hour from today  
 I am not returning or going on mission any  
 more, I am failing in health,

St. Alphonsus Hospital  
 Boise, Idaho  
 I am not sure it will be  
 at this address  
 I will write to you  
 when I get settled and give you  
 my address. Thank you for all you  
 good wishes to me. A.

J. M. J.



and not equal to the heavy strain, of the ever increasing work in the Laboratory, I have developed a Myocarditis which give me a distress in breathing and severe pain at times.

Now if You ever come to Chicago I hope You will come to Saint Marys to see me.

I need not tell You or more assure You of my prayers for You are part of my life and out of my prayers would be an unheard of. You share in all mine and will get more when I get home to Notre Dame as well as Your Brother Fr. Joseph Mary.

I sent a mass offering to Rev. Father Pio for You and Your dear Brother for all Your intentions spiritual and temporal I also asked Father to adopt You both as his spiritual children, and I'm sure He will.

When You write Sister, ask her to pray for me, that I will get adjusted to new surroundings and for the special grace to love Our Lord more and more with His Holy Mother tell her I will be with her in spirit, that I pray for her always. Take good care of Yourself and rest to what ever You can, so You will feel fit to meet Your arduous work. God, love and bless You and keep You always in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. is the wish and prayer of

Your devoted Sister in Holy Cross) Father I forgot to  
Sister M. Mildrida mention a mass offering  
for the Heitzel family  
being for all their needs



Our Lady Academy

Manteno, Illinois

August 6, 1947

Dear Father Aloysius,

I should have answered your letter a long time ago, however I have needs now that I would not have had then -

Mr. Leharbancan is very ill. you remember he has a cancer which closes the opening of the stomach. He may have only liquids. An operation is out of the question due to his physical condition. About three weeks ago he suffered a severe heart attack - Father Demaris came, heard his confession and absolved him. My mother is most happy. It is my opinion that he will slowly starve to death. I do not see how it can be otherwise. Thank you so much for the prayers you said for him. We continue praying for him for strength and courage -

Just a few days ago we learned that Sr. M. Mediatrix was accepted for her perpetual vows. I do not know what miracle occurred but certainly



you might ask the Holy Ghost to give me special light since I have been appointed to the provincial council - help to me - May God bless you abundantly for your continued help to Sister Mary Catherine.

it did not seem at all humanly possible. Probably Sister will write to you herself now that Mother Rose Mary is the Provincial. We are all very happy about her nomination. Mother St. Emily remained in France as General Councilor and the Canadian provincial was elected General (Mother St. Eugenie).

I shall be on retreat with Sr. M. Mediatrice from the 8-15. I shall not forget you and your novices - This summer a priest who worked with the F.B.I. during the war told us some very serious things about Communism. He located some valuable papers and was trailed 11,000 miles by the communists. His story read like the epistle of St. Paul and like St. Paul he reached his destination and delivered the papers at Washington. He will come to grips with the communists and the clash will be bloody. He knew that but now we have the human evidence. all I can do is turn to Our Lord in trust because I cannot imagine any self-enduring torture. I am not alarmed or nervous but I do not forget to pray for strength and perseverance for myself and for all those who will be called upon to bear witness to the cause of Christ -

When you remember me in prayer



HAIL HEART OF MARY.

Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Compton, California

August 9, 1947

Mother Mary Dolores.

My dear daughter in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Your most interesting letters of July 11 and August 4 promptly received. Many thanks for them as well as for the retreat notes. I feel very obliged to your sister Mary for typing them for me.

I beg your pardon for my long delay. Do not be too hard on me for not answering sooner, because may be my sacrifice and prayers on your behalf have been of more use to you than all the advice I could have given to you. You are well directed. You know yourself well and you know well what my direction has been driving at.

For our mutual consolation God has turned everything unto good. You have reacted very well after all that trying struggle. Let us be most thankful to God because He has been wonderful in His infinite mercy and love for you. My warmest congratulations to you.

I feel extremely happy about Mother Rose Mary being elected Provincial. Really I felt always that she was going to be the one.

Million thanks for your prompt information in regard to the approval of Sister Mary Mediatrix for her perpetual vows. Of course, could I ever admit the possibility of her being rejected? God, in His infinite mercy, gave me a keen insight on the privileged soul of Sister soon after she came under my direction and though I have been away all these years and forced to complete silence between both of us about matters of spiritual direction, my firm conviction about her genuine virtue and sanctity and truly high mysticism has ever stayed in me one hundred per cent unshakable. Sister Mary Mediatrix needed all this suffering to ascend in the steps of heroic sanctity to be more like her patroness Saint Margaret Mary and above all more like Christ Himself Who allows to carry His cross with all its gruesome pain and weight only to those whom He loves most dearly. I have received the invitations to attend the ceremony and I will do my best to very very present in spirit.

In regard to myself I was appointed again Master of Novices and Superior of the Novitiate; then they decided to choose one at the major seminary to be only spiritual director to whom the students and all could go freely at any time. So my present duties are to be the spiritual



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director of the seminary without the duties of Prefect of Discipline both of which I held before for four years. Father Tomicich is the Prefect of Discipline now. The Students are allowed to come to my office during any of their study periods. Father Provincial says that this is the assignment that suits me best, so commend me to the prayers of all those whom I helped in the past in order that I may render a perfect account of my present most responsible duties. Your protegee Mike Cody spends about one hour and some times more every Sunday afternoon in my office with me dealing about his soul's direction. He has given me your regards and told me that has answered your letter.

Let us talk only about your spiritual affairs. I quote your letter with untold consolation: "And now for myself things have continued to go along very well. I have marvelled at the manner in which God has taken care of things for me. There have been innumerable problems which have arisen and some very difficult ones; in each case, He has taken care of them and solved them for me. I seem to have been sustained in a special manner by His grace. I have felt it constantly with me. He has given me the grace to remain of equable temperament with the Sisters and to be kind and gracious with them. They seem to have appreciated the fact that I have been able to organize things for the greater good of all. I have tried to abandon all to Him and to give Him all in love and generosity. I have been kept most busy as there have been so many things to do, but He has taken wonderful care of all! Certainly dear Mother, our most gracious Lord has gone out of His way to show you how much He loves you and cares for you as well as the persons, things and affairs entrusted to you. He is compelling you, by such a clear manifestation of His Providence upon you never to give way to past fears but to trust Him completely from now on.

You are informing me that your silver jubilee is a year from now. The proper thing for you is to transform this coming year into a second Novitiate.. So before this retreat is over, either in the chapter of faults or in the refectory, do ask publicly for prayers to make this year a real Novitiate as a preparation for the renewal of your vows next August. Your practice.....HEROIC OBEDIENCE.....Therefore, place yourself unconditionally as a most simple and docile novice in the hands your Rev. Mother, deal with her with a candour of a real novice and follow her directions most accurately in spirit of perfect and decidedly heroic obedience with complete rendition of your judgement and will. This shall be your main resolution to start your real religious life all over again. Your particular examen will deal on it also. A genuine humility, a thorough happiness, and all the good things will flock about you and abide in you through this real rehearsal of a perfectly heroic obedience.



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It will be the best cure of the unpleasant attacks of moodiness that your melancholic temperament will bring back to you just like an old settler that insists in recuperating his lost territories whereat he dwelt many years; yes, those unpleasant and disheartening attacks of moodiness are bound to come, though they be not anymore so strong, deep, egocentric and saturated with self-pity as before. Notwithstanding all the graces that you have been receiving you must be on guard against those attacks and smother them to death right at their outset, since they have been the worst enemies of your religious happiness, vocation and spiritual progress. Once your melancholic temperament is under perfect control by a habitual practice of a heroic obedience you will be entirely acceptable in the sight of God and ready for infused contemplation if God wishes to give it to you as He will according to some masters of the spiritual life who defend that all are called to infused contemplation and the reason why the majority do not attain it is because they are not faithful to the Divine Grace. But your ACTIVE CONTEMPLATION is quite developed and you, dear Mother Dolores, have been living it fully, yes, fully during all these weeks of this memorable summer. Your long longing for infused contemplation, no doubt, comes from God and He makes you desire what will be given to you in its due time and season. The things go very very well with you and I am really most fortunate in calling you my spiritual daughter. I will continue storming the entire heaven on your behalf in order that this year of your second Novitiate be "tops" for you and that you crown it with the happiest celebration of a jubilee according to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Pardon all my mistakes and corrections with pen, I count on your great kindness.

Reassure you dear sister my especial prayers for her and her family. Greet Alice in my name. I owe her a letter, but I owe them, letters, to so many. I am so slow and duties at home come first.

Your Holy Masses received my most prompt attention and heartiest thanks for them.

In union of constant prayer,



J.M.J.

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

1138 Wright Street • Post Office Box 2508

Reno, Nevada

August 9, 1947

St. John Mary Vianney

Dear Fr. Aloysius:

Just a note to say that important matters are moving along safely enough here in the parish of the Little Flower. It's been my pleasure to meet many families in the parish. For the most part they are very good. Children abound here. Living at The Snows I often detour my trips to town so as to walk through St. Theresa's. There I can depend on several stops along the way by the children.

But there has been some opposition to our purchase of the airbase chapel. It would make a splendid parish church. Well-constructed and furnished, the cost of moving it by truck would be relatively small. But



certain individuals are making it difficult for us to purchase the chapel. And they have favor in Washington. So we ask you to put in a good word with the Little Flower for us.

Thanking you for this and other spiritual favors, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Louis F. McFadden



HAIL IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
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August 11, 1947.

Sister Mary Mediatrix.  
Holy Family Academy.  
Beaverville, Illinois.

My dear daughter in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary:

Your invitation has been cordially accepted to be present to your Perpetual Holy Profession. Yes, I will do my very best to be very very present to attend your supreme sacrifice. I will be there most honorably represented by my patron saints, particularly I am beseeching my dear St. John the Apostle and my Blessed Father Founder to be my especial representatives. They are accepting my invitation. Do count on them. I will inform them about everything that I wish to tell you. Be ready for long audience with both of them. You know me when I begin all that I have to narrate to you of all these five long years. I am sure that both of them are going to be extremely gracious with you and their presence to the solemn act of your perfect holocaust will make your feast complete. Be sure, my dear daughter, to write to me how they treat you, what they have to say about their protegee Fr. Aloysius, I hope that they don't have too many complaints against him. I have invited them to take a very important part in the ceremonies. They most obligingly bowed their assent. Just think of it, my dear Sister, Saint John is going to be the Deacon and Blessed Claret the Subdeacon to Christ the High Priest in the act of the ceremony, while your saintly Father Founder has requested to be the Master of ceremonies. Your most kindly Father Founder is really jubilant for being the Master of ceremonies since he is so charmingly accurate about every single item. All throughout the ceremony a vast throng that cannot be counted and accompanied by their angels is going to render a new heavenly song entitled "SALVE, SOROR MARIA MEDIATRIX NOSTRA....."

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Then you are going to feel somewhat the gratitude of the souls saved through your prayer and suffering.

The most Blessed Mother escorted by all the Sisters of your triumphant Community will come to you radiantly glorious offering you her Heart in order to enfold you more than ever in maternal love and consoling you and making you see very clearly how it was necessary for you to walk through the fire of the terrible ordeal of all those sufferings in order to become more like herself and her Son.



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It is always a privilege to make any sacrifice for our Crucified Love, so it is for me now in not being able to be present corporeally in Beaverville on August the 15th.

God only knows how grateful and faithful, through thick and thin, I have ever been to you.

I am most thankful to God for flooding me always with His light to see His work in you and in others through you.

During my 42 years many have helped me much, but you, my dear Sister Mary Mediatrix, have been the really outstanding Providential person whom God sent on my spiritual life's journey to enlighten me and guide me in order to hurry up in my sanctification.

No doubt, during these last five years I have been helped more than I can realize through your prayer and sacrifice, particularly with your perfect isolation and complete silence. May our Lord reward you, as He knows how, for your heroic obedience in not being allowed to disclose your interior even to your Spiritual Director, though he was God's instrument to bring you back to your holy community.

Could you discuss with Rev. Mother whether the time has come in order that you submit by epistolary correspondence the account of your interior to your Spiritual Director, but positively and strictly under this condition that it be sacramentally secret except your Rev. Mother and that no one else for any reason whatsoever knows the faintest hint about it neither there nor here. The correspondence should be carried through Rev. Mother Provincial's address back and forth. Your prayers on my behalf are responsible for keeping me at the major seminary and now in the capacity of the official Spiritual Director of all the Fathers, Students and Brothers, here

I plead you to tell me from now on every single thing that God wishes from me. Have mercy on me because I have a very very tremendous task as Director. I want to be very good at it. My ambition is to form as many saints as I can during the remainder of my life. You, my dear Mediatrix, are my first helper on earth, I mean, my best helper...

May Christ the High Priest, while receiving your vows, tell you all I wish for you and may He in that solemn moment give you the clearest light about the work and mission of the priest who has been so fortunate in being His instrument to help you to be called and be forever SISTER MARY MEDIATRIX. S.S.C.M.



Hail Heart of Mary  
Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
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August 11, 1947

Sister Mary Mediatrix,

My dearest daughter in the Hearts of Jesus & Mary.

Your invitation has been accepted to be present to your Perpetual Holy Profession. Yes, I will do my very best to be very very present to attend your Supreme Sacrifice. I will be there represented by the Heavenly Spirits, particularly I am beseeching my dear St. John the Apostle and my Blessed Father Founder to be my special representatives. I will inform them about everything that I want to tell you. I know that both of them will be most gracious with you and their presence to the solemn act of your Perfect Holocaust will make your feast complete. Be sure to write to me how they represented me, what they told you and if they took an active part as Deacon and Subdeacon to Christ the High Priest in the act of the ceremony, while your Father Founder be the Master of Ceremonies for the entire day, but particularly during the act of your Profession. Will you be so kind as to write to me all the details, what you see with your bodily eyes and what you see otherwise as well on your day of days? May St. John the Beloved and Blessed Anthony Mary Claret extend you all my congratulations and speak to you about all God wants you to do for me and my mission, and then tell all to



Rev. Mother Provincial, who knows your Spiritual Director, because she has been second only to you in helping him.

If it is always a privilege to make any sacrifice for our Crucified Love, it is for me now in not being able to be corporeally present in Beaverhill on August the 15<sup>th</sup>. God only knows how grateful and faithful, through thick and thin, I have ever been to you. I am most thankful to God for flooding me always with His light to see His work in you and in others through you. During my 42 years many have helped me much, but you have been the real providential person whom God sent on my spiritual life's journey to enlighten and guide me to hurry up in my sanctification. No doubt, during these last five years I have been helped through your prayer and sacrifice particularly with your perfect silence. May Our Lord reward you, as He knows how, for your heroic obedience in not being allowed to disclose your interior even to your Spiritual Director who was God's decisive instrument to bring you back to your Community. Your spiritual director is now the spiritual director of Dominguez Seminary not only of the whole student body but of the Fathers and Brothers. Could you discuss with Rev. Mother whether the time has come in order that you submit by epistolary correspondence the account of your interior to your Spiritual Director but positively under this condition that it be completely secret except to Rev. Mother Provincial and no one else knows of it neither there nor here? No one else, and that the correspondence be through Rev. Mother's address back and forth... May Our Lord Himself tell you all I wish for you the Fifteenth of August. And you ask for me a seraphic love and to be a perfect spiritual Director with all the graces attached to the task. Your Father Olayo, O.M.F.



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MOMENCE, ILLINOIS

J.M.J.

August 13, 1947.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,  
Dominguez Seminary,  
Compton, California.

Rev. dear Father:

From the silence and solitude of retreat, I again write to you to tell you of the particular graces of this retreat and to ask your blessing upon my resolutions and plan of action for the coming year at the close of which I shall celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of my religious profession. I do wish this year to be one of great love, great confidence and complete and total abandonment to Him.

Before Mother St. Emily left for France, she had received a request from Father Moisant for Sisters for summer vacation school work. Rev. Mother had suggested that I go with Sister Gerard. As you can imagine, it was a happiness for me to do so. As last Saturday was our last day, Rev. Mother kindly permitted me to go even though it was during our retreat. Retreat had opened Friday evening. As Sister Gerard was away, Sister Ursula accompanied me this time. We completed our work of the summer and prepared the children for a special ceremony which was to take place on Sunday evening. As Father heard the confessions of the children before they left Church, I took advantage of the opportunity to make my retreat confession. It was a precious opportunity likewise to receive General Absolution again and I always treasure this grace greatly.

After my confession, Father spoke to me of the necessity of drawing close to each of the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, to the Father Who had created me out of love for me, to the Son Who had accepted me as His spouse and to the Holy Spirit Who had prepared my soul for my espousals with Christ. He told me likewise that I must glorify each of the three Divine Persons of the Trinity in my life, and that I must develop a close personal union with each. We returned to Beaverville shortly after and we continued our retreat. Our spiritual reading at noon time has been on the Spiritual Doctrine of Elizabeth of the Trinity. Her practice of Laudem Gloriarum has struck me forcibly. Throughout the entire retreat, the thought which has been uppermost



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is that of glorifying each of the three Divine Persons of the Trinity in my own life. When I awake at night and constantly throughout the day even during the conferences, this is the thought which is constantly with me. Remembering that you have told me never to change the resolutions which I took a few years ago in regard to my Adoration of the Blessed Trinity with the special practices I had and which you have suggested, I have been trying to see how I could fulfill both. The following seems to be a way of doing so.

ADORATION AND GLORIFICATION OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

THE FATHER

Through complete surrender - joyous acceptance of His Holy Will - practice of faith - humility - glorification of the Father by a perennial smile - smiling with Him and smiling with men as well as myself.

THE SON

Through complete and boundless confidence - practice of hope and confidence - meekness - glorification of the Son through special effort to overcome impatience, irritability, and to maintain equanimity of disposition.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Through total and complete abandonment - practice of charity - glorification of the Holy Spirit through charity and kindness to all - grace to be begged for through generous mortification in all. All to be offered through the Immaculate Heart of our dear Mother Mary.

I have re-read your letters particularly of the past year. I have not been faithful in the matter of mortification. I have not been faithful in the matter of the diet which the doctor had ordered me to follow. This was due partly to the fact that I did not always have what I should have and no doubt partly to a spirit of sensuality. At times I wonder if I really know what mortification actually is. In the matter of food, Father, I find it so difficult. What satisfies others never satisfies me. The same holds true for sweets. If you think it advisable and will give me permission, I shall try again to deprive myself completely of it



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at least for a time.

As I review the ~~Past~~ religious year, particularly the past six months or so, I am filled with the deepest gratitude to our dear Lord for the many, many graces of these days. As I have told you, I have marvelled and marvelled at the wonderful manner in which He has taken care of things for me. He has filled my soul with the deepest of peace - peace, joy and confidence. I am trying to make the most of it while He grants it for I realize full well that the day will return when I shall again be deprived of it. I have seen and tasted how sweet it is to abandon self completely to Him. Please ask Him to give me the grace to continue doing so. I do wish this year to be lived completely for Him, in Him and with Him. I do wish to keep my soul free from all stain of sin or deliberate imperfection. Knowing the evil tendencies of my nature and my temperament, I realize that I shall have to battle constantly. Again, Father, I shall appreciate any suggestions you may see fit to give me. I ask your help in preparing my soul during this year for the complete oblation on the anniversary of my profession. Again I beg your help in the matter of meditation and particular examen. Am I falling short of what He wishes of me in these? Again, am I doing all He wishes of me in these? May I ever hope to receive the priceless gift of contemplation?

I am leaving Beaverville to-morrow evening as I am accompanying one of our younger Sisters to Dubuque for the perpetual vows of her sister. It is a great sacrifice not to be present here for the perpetual vows of Sister Mary Mediatrix. I am still hoping that it may be possible for you to be present. I know that you will be present with her in spirit if you cannot be here in person. I beg the privilege of seeing you if you do come.

Mother Rose Mary is right at home in her new office - she is very busy these days of retreat. We are ninety making this retreat. I have prayed much for you during the retreat, Father, and I shall continue to do so. I beg your blessing and your prayers.

Gratefully in Him

*Sister Mary Dolores, S.S.C.M.*



SAINT PATRICK ACADEMY  
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J. M. J. August 14, 1947

Rev. Father Glaysius, C. M. J.

Rev. dear Father:

I had the enclosed letter written to you and ready to mail. Before doing so, I received your letter. I thank you so very, very much. You will never know all that it has meant to me. I am in the railroad station now, always waiting for our train for Aubrey - so I may not be able to write here all that I would wish. I shall write again after I have returned home.

Your recommendation to ask for public prayer before the close of the retreat rather startled me at first - however since you have given me the promise of having a audience, I was happy to make this the first act. We do not usually have Chapter of Faults during retreat. I received your letter just before dinner - so



during dinner, I asked Rev. Mother's  
permission to make my chapter.  
She forebore that I make it  
in the hall where we got caught  
after dinner, chanting the Mass.  
I made my chapter and begged  
pardon of Rev. Mother and the  
sisters for all the desecifica-  
tion I have given during my  
twenty-four years of religious  
life and I begged the charity  
of their prayers as you suggested  
that I might for this year and  
a second novitiate in prepa-  
ration for my renewal of  
vows next August.

Thank you for the privilege  
for the year. God meditate  
upon it, I realize how much it  
is going to mean — and I am  
hoping to comply with anything  
which will bring me closer  
to Him. What you said about  
my "Active Contemplation"  
being fully developed has  
thrilled me with the greatest  
joy. I cannot doubt your word —  
therefore, I rejoice and thank



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God for this great grace. I feel  
that no sacrifice would be too  
great to prepare my soul for  
the grace of - refused - contempla-  
tion - should God see fit to  
grant this to me. My longing  
for it increases constantly.

Rev Mother permitted me to  
speak a word to Sister Mary  
Mediatron and to bid her  
good-bye. Her radiant happiness  
was most beautiful. I found  
the enclosed note from her  
before I left. I thought you  
would like to read it. I  
could appreciate having it  
back but I would be happy  
to have you keep the enclosed  
souvenir of the Little Flower  
in memory of Sister's happy day  
and bid from her:  
"Lucky Mackey Lady." I hope



to make good use of her  
great privilege. Kindly re-  
member me to him.

I shall have my special  
attention for you on my  
return for the feast of the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary.  
Again, Father, my deepest  
gratitude to you for all  
your kindness to me. I beg  
your blessing and good prayers.

Gratefully and with love  
Sister Mary Dolores.

Kindly pray for our teachers'   
institute with Mrs. & Teresa.